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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER PROPOSES \$126,000 FINE TO PLACER COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE FOR SEWAGE SPILL

Sacramento - Placer County and the City of Roseville face \$126,000 in penalties for a sewage spill in December 2007.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued an Administrative Civil Liability complaint for the December 1, 2007 spill, which happened when a contractor broke a sewer pipe while excavating for an unrelated project.

The 16-inch pressurized pipe carries sewage east along Dry Creek to a wastewater treatment plant in Roseville. An estimated 559,000 gallons of sewage spilled from the break over a four-hour period, with approximately 80 percent of the spill flowing into Dry Creek near Cook-Riolo Road. The majority of the sewage flowed from the Roseville Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Placer County Facility Services Department owns and operates the sewer system in several unincorporated areas of Placer County, while the City of Roseville owns and operates the Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency tasked with preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The Water Board may consider the complaint at its regular public board meeting on July 31 or August 1, 2008.